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Weſtminſter, May 6.

HIS Majeſty came this Day to the Houſe of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes ſeated on the Throne, with the uſual Solemnity, Sir William Oldes, Gentleman Uſher of the Black-Rod, was ſent with a Meſſage from His Majeſty to the Houſe of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the Houſe of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majeſty was pleaſed to make the following moſt Gracious Speech to both Houſes.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is with great Satisfaction that after this ſhort Receſs I can acquaint you with the certain Advice I have received, that my Fleet is ſafely arrived in the Sound, which by the Bleſſing of Almighty God will ſecure theſe Kingdoms againſt any immediate Danger of an Invaſion.

I have, by this Means, an Opportunity, which is very acceptable to me, of making a conſiderable Reduction in our Land Forces, having eſtabliſhed it as a Rule with my ſelf, to conſult the Eaſe of my People in every Thing, ſo far as is conſiſtent with their Safety. And, for my own Part, as I ſhall always place my Greatneſs in the Proſperity of my Subjects, ſo I ſhall always deſire that my Power may be founded in their Affections.

It is upon theſe Conſiderations that I have given Orders for the immediate reducing of Ten Thouſand Men.

That nothing may be wanting in me to quiet the Minds of all my Subjects, I have likewiſe given Directions to prepare an Act of Grace; and however it may be received by thoſe who are obſtinately bent on the Ruin of their Country, I promiſe my ſelf, that it will raiſe a due Senſe of Gratitude in all ſuch as have been artfully miſlead into Treaſonable Practices againſt my Perſon and Government, and preſerve them from ſtanding in need of the like Mercy for the future, when ſuch an Inſtance of Clemency may not be ſo expedient for the publick Welfare, as it would be agreeable to my own Inclinations.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I thank you for your Readineſs to ſupport me in the preſent Juncture of Affairs, and for the Supplies which you have given; and do promiſe you that they ſhall be employed for the Uſes to which you deſigned them.

I ſhall order ſuch faithful Accompts to be laid before you the next Seſſion, as will make it appear, there was no other View in asking any particular Supply, than to prevent a much greater Expence, which the Nation muſt have unavoidably incurred without it.

I muſt recommend to you, as I did at the Beginning of the Seſſion, to take all proper Methods for reducing the publick Debts, with a juſt Regard to Parliamentary Credit.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Year being ſo far advanced, I hope you will go through the publick Buſineſs with all poſſible Diſpatch and Unanimity, it being my Intention to meet you early the next Winter, that the ſitting of Parliament may be brought into the more uſual and convenient Seaſon.

St. James's, May 6.

An humble Addreſs of the Bayliffs and Burgeſſes of the Borough of Bridport in the County of Dorſet, has been preſented to His Majeſty by William Coventry and Peter Walter, Eſqs; their Repreſentatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle, Lord Chamberlain of His Majeſty's Houſehold, in the Abſence of his Grace the Duke of Bolton, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Dorſet.

An humble Addreſs of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, and Juſtices of the Peace, met at the Grand Seſſions held at Brecon for that County on the 29th of March, 1717. Preſented to His Majeſty by Roger James, Eſq; Member of Parliament for the Borough of Brecon, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Carteret, one of the Gentlemen of His Majeſty's Bed-Chamber.

Which Addreſſes His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

Vienna, April 28. The Letters from Buda of the 24th Inſtant ſay, that the Baron de Petraſch, a famous Partizan, going from Peterwaradin down the Danube, with a great Number of Boats laden with Proviſions and Ammunition, and deſigned for the Uſe of the Garriſon of Temeſwaer, was attack'd by ſome Turkiſh Veſſels near the Place where the Tibiſcus falls into the Danube, and after a vigorous Defence, was himſelf made Priſoner by them, and 20 of his Boats taken; however, the reſt of them, being a much greater Number, eſcaped, and were brought back to Peterwaradin, from whence they are ſetting out again under a ſtronger Convoy. M. Fleiſchman, the Emperour's late Reſident in Turkey, is made one of the Commiſſioners of the Council of War, in Conſideration of his Services and Sufferings there. The Emperor has at laſt promiſed to the Republick of Genoa, the Inveſtiture of the Marquiſate of Final, which is accordingly ſoon to be given to their Miniſter here. And at the ſame Time his Imperial Majeſty has conſented to an Alteration of the Treaty made at Milan, for the Paſſage of Salt through the Territories of that Republick.

Bern, May 1. The Diet called by the French Ambaſſadour the Marqueſs d'Avarey for his Reception, met on the 25th paſt at Soleurre. The Ambaſſadour having cauſed his Speech to be read by M. de Martiniere, Secretary of the French Embaſſy, was com-